

FROM THE UXBRIDGE BOARD OF HEALTH

## ANIMALS ARE TESTING POSITIVE FOR RABIES IN THE TOWN OF UXBRIDGE!

The Town of **Uxbridge** is again testing **positively for rabies** in wildlife. A raccoon found walking down South Main Street in Uxbridge on Sunday, March 30, 2008 tested positive for rabies on April 2, 2008, and a skunk from Uxbridge tested positive on March 25, 2008. Anyone who had any direct contact with either the skunk or the raccoon should contact their doctor and the Uxbridge Board of Health (508-278-8604) as soon as possible.

Domestic animals from Uxbridge have tested positive for rabies in the past. Our pets are the bridge between rabies in the animal population and rabies in the human population. It is important that you vaccinate your pets to protect your family from this **deadly disease**. Everyone should stay way from strays and wild animals. If you are bothered by wildlife, **call a licensed professional wildlife specialist**. Local authorities are, by law, not allowed to handle wildlife and it is against the law to relocate wildlife. You will encourage wildlife to frequent your property if your trash is not contained and you are feeding wild birds and your pets outdoors.

If you have additional questions about rabies please call the Massachusetts Department of Public Health at 617/983-6800, or go to [www.mass.gov/dph](http://www.mass.gov/dph)